THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The Supreme Court in its judgement in the matter of Shri Gajanan Krishnaji Bapat and another Vs Dattaji Raghobaji Meghe, and others has observed that it would be appropriate for the Legislature or the Election Commission to intervene and prescribed by Rules the requirement of maintaining true and correct account of the receipt and expenditure by the political parties by disclosing the source of receipts as well.

(c) In view of already existing provisions of Income Tax Act, 1961 relating to political parties there is no further proposal, as yet, to make provisions in Election Laws for maintenance and audit of accounts of political parties.

Redressal of Public Grievances

433. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the thousands of letters that appear in the newspapers everyday relating to grievances such as inadequate provision about various civic amenities, telephone complaints, non-refund of earnest money by various agencies such as DDA or housing boards, water supply, acts of corruption in various offices, delays etc. and these complaints remain unattended leading to dissatisfaction among public; and

(b) whether Government have constituted or purpose to constitute an authority/agency to bring these complaints to the notice of the concerned authorities and ensure quick action including acknowledgment and reply-back to the affected persons if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) The Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and pensions has issued instructions to all Ministries/Departments of Government to regularly examine the grievances columns appearing in newspapers for picking up cases which relate to them. The instructions cover all Ministries/Departments/Offices of the Government. Ministries/Departments have been asked to take quick action for redressing the grievances picked up from columns of newspapers in a month's time and to inform the complainant of the action taken by way of redressal. Where redressal is likely to take longer, an interim reply is required to be sent to the complainant explaining the steps taken and assuring that further necessary action is being taken in the matter. The Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances is the Chief coordinating agency for redress of public grievances arising from the work of Ministries/Departments and other organisations of the Government of India. The role of coordination consists mainly in laying down broad policy guidelines for the institutionalisation of the grievance redress system in each organisation. The Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances deals with all complaints other than those relating to Railways, telecommunications, Posts, Public Sector Banks, Insurance Companies, Ministry of Urban Development including Delhi Development Authority, Ministry of Surface Transport and Ministry of Civil Aviation which are handled by the Directorate of public Grievances under the Cabinet Secretariat. Those complaints which relate to the States/UTs are transferred to them for remedial action at their end.

(b) As most of the grievances arise at the field level, their actual redressal has necessarily to come from agencies functioning at the local level which are

fully conversant with the procedures and subject-matter of the grievances relating to their respective fields of activity. These grievances are, therefore, picked up directly by the concerned authorities. For monitoring the disposal of grievances received through newspapers, the Ministries/Departments have been advised to make a quarterly review of such grievances and take action towards their redressal. Quarterly meetings are also held by the Department of Administrative Reforms and public Grievances with the Directors of Grievances of certain selected Ministries/Departments to review the progress. The working of the internal grievance redressal machinery of Ministries/Department is reviewed from time to time and instructions issued for its effectiveness in settling public grievances. Recently, these instructions have been reiterated on 10.07.95. For these reasons, the Government does not contemplate constituting an authority/ agency to bring these complaints to the notice of the concerned authorities as quick redressal of grievances is possible only when the process is decentralised.

Yoga and Naturopathy

434. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to stater;

(a) whether it is a fact that Yoga and Naturopathy has also been included under Indian Systems of Medicine;

(b) if so, the number of Naturopathy Doctors in Delhi, the details thereof alongwith their names and addresses of Clinics;

(c) the details of Government/ Private/Autonomous Institutes/ Hospitals/Dispensaries etc., in and around Delhi giving treatment through Naturopathy and yoga; and

(d) The Number of Government/ Private/Autonomous Institutes/Centres/ Ashrams etc., in and around Delhi, promoting/imparting training in Meditation, Transcendental Meditation and yoga, the details thereof with complete address and locations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) yoga and Naturopathy theraoies are grouped with Indian System of Medicine.

(b) Presently there isno provision for registration of practitioners of Naturopathy in Delhi.

(c) and (d) A statement showing details of Government organisation, autonomous bodies funded by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and prominent private/Non-Governmental Organisations promoting Yoga and Naturopathy and providing meditation/transcendental meditation located in and around Delhi is given below

Statement

Prominent Institutions of Yoga, Naturopathy and meditation in and around Delhi.

Government run Organisation

3 Yoga centres functioning at Chitra Gupta Road, Tilak Nagar and Rama Krishnapuram (Sector-8) in New Delhi under Central Government Health Services (CGHS).

Autonomous Bodies funded by Ministry of Health & Family welfare

1. Central Council for Research in yoga & Naturopathy, Jawaharlal Nehru Bhartiya Chikitsa Evam Homoeopathy, Anusandhan Bhawan, Janakpuri, New Delhi.

2. Central Research Institute for yoga, 68, Ashoka Road, New Delhi.

Private/Non-Governmental Organisation

1. Daulat Ram Nature Cure Centre, 16/849, Joshi Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi.